GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL CATEGORY STATUS TO STATES
A. KRISHNASWAMY;MANJAY LAL

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan of extending the special category status to any of the States other than Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any states has made any request to this effect;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the response of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE(SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): No Sir. The Special Category Status has so far been given to the following States: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttaranchal.

(c) to (e): The Special Category Status is given to those States which are predominantly of hilly terrain with large tribal population, located on sensitive international border areas, with underdeveloped socio-economic infrastructure, low revenue base & non-viable nature of State`s finances and overall economic backwardness. Though the States of Bihar, Goa, Orissa, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand have been requesting from time to time for Special Category Status, these States do not have all the features of Special Category States and therefore they have not been given the Special Category Status. -